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GASKET LAYERS

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

1-8. (canceled)

9. (Currently amended) Process for the production of a multi-layer gasket comprising at least a first gasket layer and a second gasket layer, wherein said first gasket layer is produced ~~layers for single or multiple layered gaskets~~ from one respective gasket layer section of a starting material comprising several continuous gasket layer sections, wherein the gasket layer sections are machined during operating cycles in a follow-on combination tool having several machining stations following one another along a direction of feed, wherein at least one of the machining stations is designed as a station for cutting outer contour lines, facing outer contour lines of two adjacent gasket layers being cut in said station by means of a tool for cutting outer contour lines, and

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